

## INTERAGENCY PARTNERING AGREEMENT

The common goal of the agencies involved in this agreement is:

The timely completion of a cooperative NEPA/404 process for Maryland State Highway Administration projects. The process will include consideration and evaluation of a full range of reasonable transportation alternatives consistent with the principles of the merged NEPA/404 process, as documented in Maryland's "Procedures for the Timely Identification, Evaluation and Resolution of Environmental and Regulatory Issues".

The undersigned agencies are committed to work in partnership and to efficiently and effectively participate in identified NEPA/404 studies and will abide by the following principles:

- ◇ Recognize and respect the organizational goals, missions, and statutory authorities of other partnering agencies.
- ◇ Work together toward this goal in a timely and objective manner while preserving the integrity of each agency's mission.
- ◇ Maintain open communication to informally resolve issues to the greatest extent possible and at the appropriate level.
- ◇ Recognize and incorporate public outreach and input as essential parts of the decision making process.


  
Federal Highway Administration

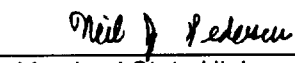
  
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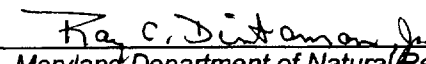
  
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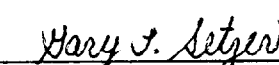
  
US Fish and Wildlife Service

  
National Marine Fisheries Service


  
National Park Service

  
Maryland State Highway Administration

  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

  
Maryland Department of the Environment

  
Maryland Office of Planning

  
Maryland Historical Trust